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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	No: CR-08-0565-WHA
)	
v.)	
WALTER PALMA,)	<u>NOTICE OF RELATED CASES</u>
)	<u>IN A CRIMINAL ACTION</u>

Defendant.)	
)	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	No: S2-CR-08-0730-WHA
)	
v.)	
WALTER PALMA, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

The United States now gives notice to the Clerk of the Court pursuant to Criminal Local Rule 8-1 that the above actions are related.

Under Rule 8-1, a criminal action is related to another pending criminal action when:

(1) both actions concern one or more of the same defendants and the same alleged events or occurrences, or (2) both actions appear likely to entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges, or might create conflicts or unnecessary expenses if conducted before different

1 judges. N.D. Cal. Crim. Local R. 8-1(b). Here, the cases meet both of these criteria.

2 The defendant is charged in CR-08-0565-WHA with being an alien in possession of a
3 firearm, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(5), arising from his possession of two .45-caliber
4 handguns on or about August 11, 2008. The defendant is charged in S2-CR-08-0730-WHA with
5 racketeering conspiracy, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d), using or possession a firearm in
6 furtherance of a crime of violence, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c) and 2, and other
7 racketeering offenses arising from his membership in the transnational gang *La Mara*
8 *Salvatrucha*. Both cases are assigned to Judge Alsup, and because the guns that form the core of
9 the first case will be part of the proof in the second case, the cases should be formally
10 consolidated for trial to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort and resources. See N.D. Cal.
11 Crim. Local R. 8-1(b)(1).

12 For the reasons stated above, the United States believes that the two above-captioned
13 cases should be formally consolidated. See N.D. Cal. Crim. Local R. 8-1 (c)(4).

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Respectfully submitted,

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